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"The following information is dated summer 1953.

"The tank-building workshop of the Kirov Works in Leningrad is closely linked with the workshop of the Kirov Tractor Works in the town of Chelyabinsk. In fact, the latter is a subsidiary plant of the Kirov Works in Leningrad.

"In 1953, the tank-building workshop of the Kirov Works in Leningrad had about 4500 workers, employees and engineers.

"The tank-building workshop gets the parts for the tanks from the tractor, the punching and forge, the compressing and the third mechanical shops of the enterprise.

"Formerly the tank workshop used Diesel motors 'V2-IS' which were 600 HP and made 2000 revolutions per minute. Now a new perfected type of the same motor is used, namely the only one used. It comes from Chelyabinsk. The new Diesel motors are also called 'V2-IS' but are 720 HP, make 2100 revolutions per minute, have four 'tactical' and 12 cylinders placed in the form of the letter V. The total weight is 900 kg, the length - 1700 mm, breadth - 1150 mm, and height - 1000 mm.

"The tank workshop of the Kirov Works supplies the Soviet armed forces with heavy tanks of the type 'IS' and heavy, self-propelling artillery (samokhodnye ustanovki) of the type 'ISU-152'. The average monthly output of both types together is about 200.

"The assemblage of the tanks and artillery installations is carried out on production lines as is customary in automobile factories. The towers of the tanks are both cast in one piece and punched. All parts are electrically welded.

"The turbine building shop of the Kirov Works in Leningrad builds 'steam turbo-engines', with a capacity of up to 60,000 HP for the Soviet Navy.

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